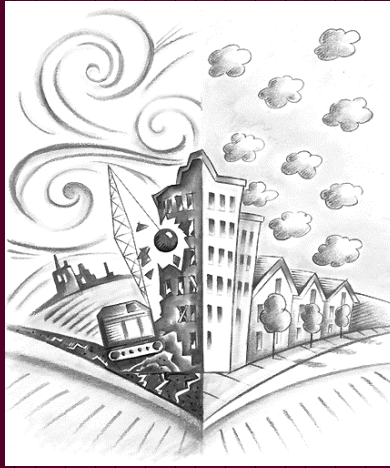


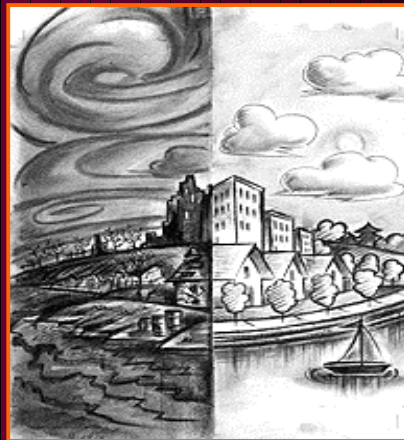
Wisconsin's Brownfields Initiative



The times, they are a changing...

Purpose of Conference

- Make you aware of tools available to deal with brownfields
- Update you on latest initiatives and innovations
- Connect you with people that can assist you further



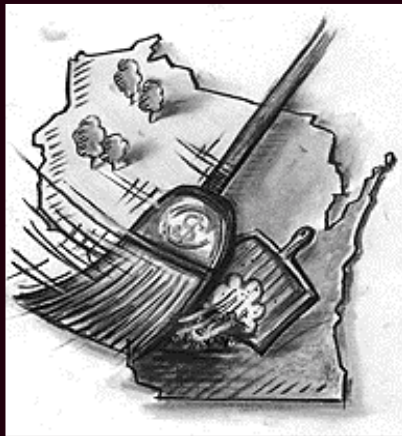
What are brownfields?



Properties that are:

- 🌐 abandoned, idle or underused
- 🌐 commercial or industrial
- 🌐 expansion or reuse is adversely affected by
- 🌐 actual or perceived contamination.

What is the Challenge?



Estimated universe:

- 10,000 brownfields properties
- 1,500 tax delinquent brownfields
- Over \$100,000,000 in lost property taxes

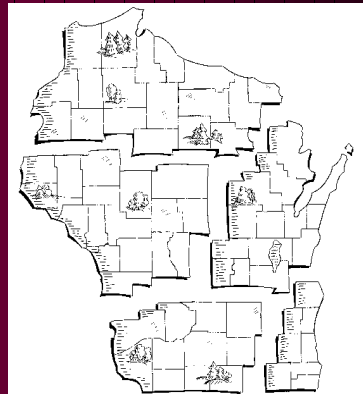
Wisconsin's Efforts



- Land Recycling Law
 - liability relief
- 1997 State Budget
 - financial incentives
- 1999 State Budget
 - identifies new funds
 - refines liability relief
 - closes gaps in effort
- 2001 State Budget?

Building Consensus, Improving the Effort:

Wisconsin's Brownfields Study Group



www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/bsg/

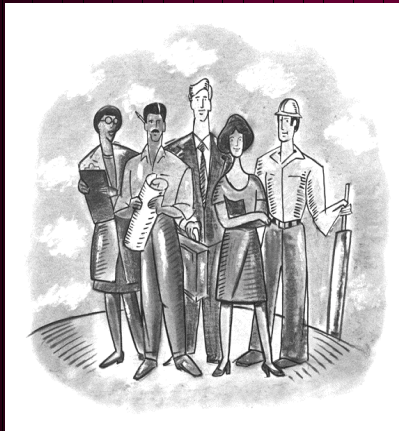
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Purpose is to:

- Evaluate Wisconsin's brownfields initiatives
- Report to legislature on suggested improvements
- Did so in 1998 & will again in 2000



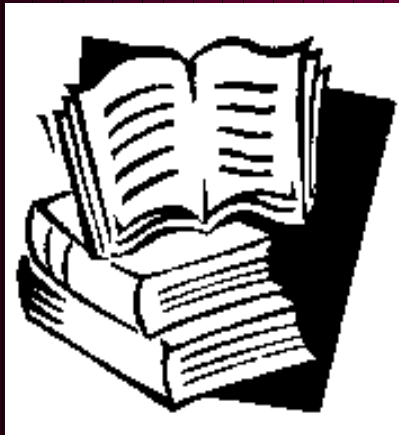
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30-member group:

- ④ Seven state agencies
- ④ Federal government
- ④ Environmental consultants
- ④ Attorneys
- ④ Environmentalists
- ④ Local Governments
- ④ Business & Trade Associations

Brownfields Study Group



In 1998:

- Identified 35 brownfields issues of importance
- Developed 80 proposals to address those issues
- Submitted to legislature
- Resulted in significant legislative changes in 1999 budget

Brownfields Study Group



- Maximize use of existing technologies for communicating

Brownfields Study Group



Year 2000 focus is on:

- **Recommending changes to expedite the reuse of these properties**
- **Identifying major gaps in financing and liability issues**
- **Report to legislature in Fall 2000**

Wisconsin's Goal



Through cooperation between public and private sectors, we would like to

